

In the Claims:

1. (Original) A single crystal semiconductor body having a trench with sidewall portions disposed in different crystallographic planes of the body, such sidewall portions having thereon substantially uniformly thick, thermally grown, silicon dioxide material.

2.-4. (Cancelled)

5. (New) A single crystal semiconductor body comprising:

a trench formed in a surface of said single crystal semiconductor body, having sidewall portions being disposed in different crystallographic planes of the body;  
first sidewall portions disposed in a first one of the different crystallographic planes;  
a first layer of silicon dioxide material grown on said first sidewall portions at a first rate and to a first thickness when subjected to a thermal oxidation process;  
second sidewall portions disposed in a second one of the different crystallographic planes; and

a second layer of silicon dioxide grown on said second sidewall portion at a second rate and on said first layer of said silicon dioxide material at a rate slower than said second rate wherein said first and second sidewall portions of the trench are subjected to a thermal oxidation process such that the thickness of said second layer of silicon dioxide on said second sidewall portions is substantially equal to the thickness of both said first and second layers of silicon dioxide on said first sidewall portions.

6. (New) A single crystal semiconductor body comprising:

a surface having portions thereof disposed in a different crystallographic planes

a relatively thin material on selected ones of the surface portions, said selected ones of the surface portions residing in a first crystallographic plane;

a layer of silicon dioxide grown over said relatively thin material at a first rate by a thermal oxidation process to a selected thickness; and

said silicon dioxide grown at a second rate during said thermal oxidation process on unselected surface portions in a different crystallographic plane, said second rate different than said first rate such that the thickness of said silicon dioxide grown over both the selected surface portions and the unselected surface portions are substantially uniform.

7. (New) The semiconductor body of claim 5 wherein said first sidewall portions are disposed in the <100> crystallographic plane and said second sidewall portions are disposed in the <110> crystallographic plane.

8 (New) The semiconductor body of claim 6 wherein the relatively thin material is silicon nitride.

9. (New) The semiconductor body of claim 6 further comprising another layer of silicon dioxide formed on said relatively thin material such that said another layer of silicon dioxide and said layer of silicon dioxide grown over said relatively thin material have a combined thickness substantially the same as the thickness of said layer of silicon dioxide grown on said unselected surface portions of said semiconductor body.

10. (New) The semiconductor body of claim 6 wherein the relatively thin material is less than approximately 20 Angstroms.

11. (New) The semiconductor body of claim 6 wherein the relatively thin material forms a layer which is thinner than the corresponding oxide layer grown on the selected and unselected surface portions.